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SUBJECT: CERP 4251: ESTIMATED LIBYAN CRUDE PRODUCTION
FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1976.

1. INDUSTRY PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF LIBYAN CRUDE
PRODUOUON FOR JANUARY 1976 SHOW A FALL-OFF FROM THE
PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS TO 1.6 MILLION BARREL PER DAY RATE.
NOVEMBER PRODUCTION WAS AT THE 1.8 MILLION BARREL PER
DAY RATE, WHILE DECEMBER PRODUCTION AVERAGED ALMOST
1.9 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY. THE JANUARY AVERAGE WAS
EXPECTED TO BE AT 2 MILLION PLUS BARREL A
TE. HOWEVER
MEDITERRANEAN STORMS IN JANVVNY CLOSED SEAPORTS AND
RESTRICTED LIFTINGS. ADDITIONALLY, OCCIDENTAL HAD
SOME PIPELINE CORROSION DIFFICULTIES, WHICH FURTHER
REDUCED THE COMPANY'S ANTICIPATED OUTPUT FOR THE MONTH.
THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENCOURAGED COMPANIES TO INCREASE
PRODUCTION AND WE UNDERSTAND THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS
PROBLEMS IN MARKETING.

2. COMPARISON BY COMPANY OF PRODUCTION FOR THE PAST
THREE MONTHS, ACCORDING TO LOCAL INDUSTRY SOURCES:

COMPANY	JANUARY	DECEMBER	NOVEMBER
	(000BBLS)	(000BBLS)	(000BBLS)

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OCCIDANTAL	229	264.5	197.7
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ESSO LIBYA	199.4	205.2	196.8
ESSO SIRTE	65.9	(1 ,? 64.4	59.7
MOBNAL	84.2	93.7	98.3
AGIP	86	133.5	127.5
AQUITAINE	14	18.1	19.4
AMOCO	6	5.9	5.5
TOTAL	1,639.5	1,895.5	1,836.6

3. UENUARY FIGURES ARE INDUSTRY ESTIMATES WHILE THOSE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ARE FIRM. FIGURES IN TABLE ABOVE FOR NATIONAL CO. ARE SOMEWHAT SPECULATIVE AND COULD VARY SUBSTANTIALY FROM ACTUAL PRODUCTION.
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